

# Certification and Licensing Facts

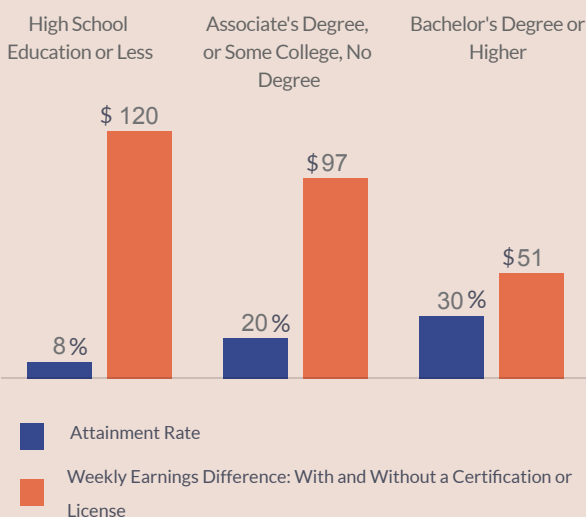
New Estimates From the LMI Institute's State Certification and Licensing Data Tables

## Attainment Increases with Education

Workers with higher levels of education are more likely to attain a certification or license.

Workers with less education have a larger increase in earnings with a certification or license.

## Attainment and Difference in Median Weekly Earnings by Level of Education



## Findings by State

- Maine has the highest attainment rate of any state (21.8%).
- Delaware has the lowest attainment rate (14.3%).
- Hawaii has the largest increase in weekly earnings with a certification or license of any state (\$422 or 55%).
- Iowa has the smallest increase in weekly earnings with a certification or license of any state (\$181 or 23.2%).

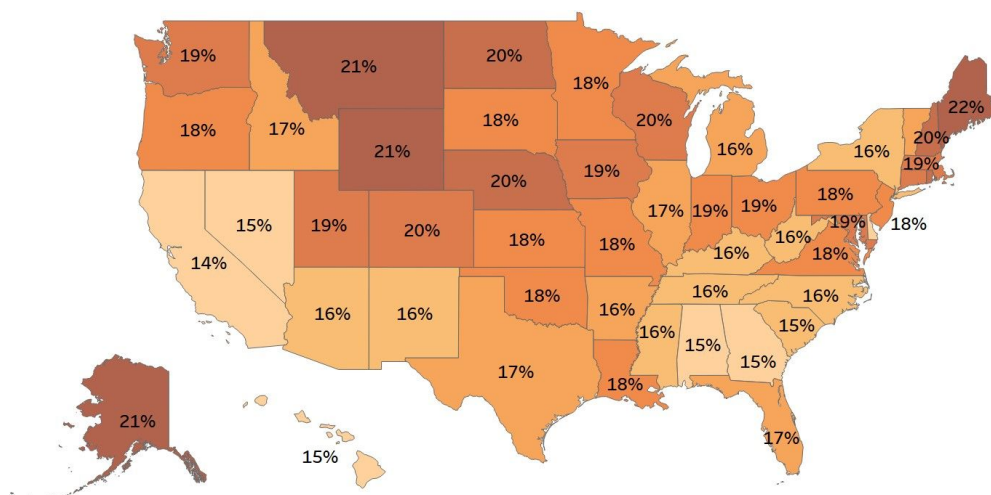
## Why do certifications and licenses matter?

Job seekers and workers with a certification or government-issued occupational license signal to employers and customers that they have the skills needed to perform their trade.



## Where are people with certifications and licenses?

Between 14 and 22 percent of each state's population have attained a certification or license.



Source: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/labor.market.information.institute#!/>



## What did we find?

Our research confirms other reports on national trends regarding certification and licensing:



Employed people with higher levels of education are more likely to have attained a certification or license.



Employed people with a certification or license tend to have higher earnings.



People 25 and older are more likely to have attained a certification or license and have a greater return to earnings with a certification or license than people younger than 25.

Data Source: [LMI Institute State Data Tables](#) released August 2019. Data derived from Current Population Survey Microdata released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.